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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Meeting of the Atlantic  
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National  
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and webinar/conference call.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold a 2-day Atlantic Highly Migratory  
Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) meeting in September 2014.

The intent of the meeting is to consider options for the  
conservation and management of Atlantic HMS. The meeting is  
open to the public.

DATES: The AP meeting and webinar will be held from 9:00 a.m.  
to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10; and from 8:00 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton  
Hotel, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814. The meeting  
presentations will also be available via WebEx  
webinar/conference call. On Wednesday, September 10, 2014 the  
conference call information is phone number 1-877-512-3581;

Participant Code: 888454; and the webinar event address is:

<https://noaaevents2.webex.com/noaaevents2/onstage/g.php?d=996362177&t=a>; event password; NOAA.

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<https://noaaevents2.webex.com/noaaevents2/onstage/g.php?d=995881214&t=a> ; event password: NOAA.

Participants are strongly encouraged to log/dial in fifteen minutes prior to the meeting. NMFS will show the presentations via webinar and allow public comment during identified times on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jenni Wallace or Margo Schulze-Haugen at (301) 427-8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, provided for the establishment of an AP to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) or FMP amendment for Atlantic HMS. NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of AP members when preparing and implementing FMPs or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

The AP has previously consulted with NMFS on: Amendment 1 to the Billfish FMP (April 1999); the HMS FMP (April 1999); Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP (December 2003); the Consolidated HMS FMP (October 2006); Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, and 8 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (April and October 2008, February and September 2009, May and September 2010, April and September 2011, March and September 2012, January and September 2013, and April 2014); among other things.

The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of all Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and shark fisheries. We anticipate discussing comments on the Predraft for Amendment 6 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) on the future of the shark fishery, providing updates on Amendment 5b on dusky shark management, discussing the proposed rule for Amendment 9 on smoothhound shark management, and reviewing the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Final Amendment 7 on bluefin tuna management measures. The meeting will also include progress updates on the National Recreational Policy, implementation of 2013 ICCAT recommendations, the Atlantic HMS Management-Based Research Priorities document, the HMS compendium/management history, and electronic monitoring and electronic reporting opportunities for Atlantic HMS fisheries.

Additional information on the meeting and a copy of the draft agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at:  
[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/advisory\\_panels/hms\\_ap/meetings/ap\\_meetings.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/advisory_panels/hms_ap/meetings/ap_meetings.html).

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jenni Wallace at (301) 427-8503 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: August 11, 2014

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